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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2; Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 6; Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 4, relative to low performing schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-203, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other law to the contrary, for any academic year in which a high school is placed on notice or probation, pursuant to § 49-1-602, each waiver or waiver extension, proposed for such school relative to the requirements of § 49-6-404, must be submitted to and approved by the state board of education. For such high school during such academic year, the state board of education shall not approve such waivers or waiver extensions at any level in excess of the statewide average of all such waivers and waiver extensions granted per high school during the previous academic year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-106, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other law to the contrary, for any academic year in which a school is placed on notice or probation, pursuant to § 49-1-602, each temporary permit or renewal, proposed for such school pursuant to this section, must be submitted to and approved by the state board of education. For such school during such academic year, the state board of education shall not approve such permits or renewals at any level in excess of the statewide average of all such permits and renewals granted per school during the previous academic year.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.